

Today in Corps history:

May 7, 1942: The 8th Defense Battalion (reinforced) landed on Wallis Island from Tutuila Island.

Source: Marine Corps History

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THE BOOT

“We Make Marines”

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Nads annihilate Support Bn., earn 12-2 victory

After five innings of play, The Nads defeated Support Bn. 12-2 during the MCCA-SC League action at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 29.

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Depot News

YOUNG MARINES TO BE NEEDED FOR BOOT CAMP

Registration is now open for youth interested in participating in the Parris Island Young Marines program, which will start with a 13-week boot camp May 15. The boot camp will be held Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon.

The program is open to active duty military and civilian family members, ages 8 - 18. Adult volunteers are needed to fill positions as physical fitness instructors.

To register or volunteer, call 524-5956.

PISTOL REC FIRE SLATED FOR SATURDAY

Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina is offering free pistol instruction and guidance from trained and professional marksmen to enhance shooting skills May 15 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Suribachi Range.

Shooters can bring their own Parris Island registered weapon or rent one for \$5. An additional \$5 range fee includes paper targets and frames. Eye and ear protection are available.

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Garza at 228-2793.

MCL DETACHMENT TO SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Yellow Footprints Detachment of the Marine Corps League is seeking eligible applicants for its first scholarship award.

Applicants must be a child, grandchild, or stepchild of a member of the detachment, a child of a Marine who has lost his life in the line of duty, a child of an active duty Marine, or a child of a Navy corpsman attached to a Marine Corps unit. The deadline for submissions is June 8.

For more information, call Jeff Harp at 525-9260.

SAVANNAH FESTIVAL TO HONOR MILITARY

Military personnel and their families can enjoy food, music, military exhibits, arts and crafts during the 3rd Annual Savannah Armed Forces Festival, which will be held May 28 - 30 from 10 a.m. - midnight on River Street. The opening ceremony will be held May 29 at 11 a.m. at Rousakis Plaza.

Out in Town

ANNUAL KITEFEST TO KICK OFF SATURDAY

The annual KiteFest will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Woodbridge Community Park, off Buckwalter Parkway in Bluffton. The festival will feature professional kite demonstrations from kite fliers from all over the world, stunt kites, oversized kites and double-line kites. Children can either bring their own kites or make one with the kite-making kits available at the event for just \$2. Admission is free.

For more information, visit www.beaufortsc.org.

Weather

Friday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 89 Low 66
Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 87 Low 65
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 86 Low 63

CG proclaims Historic Preservation Week

STAFF SGT.
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Brigadier Gen. Joseph J. McMenamin, commanding general, MCRD/ERR Parris Island, designated May 3 - 9 as National Historic Preservation Week aboard the Depot, calling upon all military personnel, their family members and civilian workers to participate in this special observance.

Preservation Week was created by The National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts around the country. This

year's celebration, "New Frontiers in Preservation," appropriately exemplifies the positive results that the preservation movement has had across the Nation.

Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability.

According to Brig. Gen. McMenamin's proclamation, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people.

“There will be signs along the trail explaining the history of the fort and providing information about the people who colonized the island.”
- Dr. Bryan Howard, assistant curator for the Parris Island Museum

There are several historic sites aboard the Depot that signify the rich history of Parris Island, some can still be visited today. The Depot Museum recently initiated an effort to highlight one of the Depot's most historic sites, Santa Elena, which is located near the Legends of Parris Island Golf Course, by placing signs along a trail through the site. Once such signs are in place on the kiln that

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Sgt. Jose L. Garcia

Corporal Nicholas Fierro, an infantryman for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, kisses a helmet standing in honor of Cpl. Jason L. Dunham during a memorial ceremony held April 29 at Camp Al Qaim, Iraq. Dunham jumped on a grenade April 14, saving the lives of at least two other Marines. Dunham subsequently died April 24 from his wounds.

Marines honor heroic sacrifice

SGT. JOSE L. GARCIA
1ST MARINE DIVISION

CAMP AL QAIM, Iraq — Recruits at the Corps' two recruit training Depots will know Cpl. Jason L. Dunham. They will know that the 22-year-old Marine lived up to the Corps' largest legends and laid down his own life to save those of his Marines.

Dunham, a machine gunner for Company K, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, was memorialized by his battalion April 29th. A crowd of more than 500 Marines, sailors and soldiers gathered under a dark and cloudy sky for a memorial service to pay their last respects to a brave hero.

Dunham, from Scio, N.Y., died from his wounds April 24. Ten days earlier, the Marine dove on top of a grenade, absorbing nearly all the blast with his own body to save his fellow Marines.

"His was a selfless act of courage to save his fellow Marines," said Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Huff, sergeant

major for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "This generation of Marines is as good as any generation we've ever had in the Corps."

Dunham was manning a vehicle checkpoint near Husaybah after a convoy was ambushed April 14.

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Banquet honors Depot volunteers

LANCE CPL.
BRIAN KESTER
STAFF WRITER

In recognition of the tireless efforts of Depot volunteers, Brig. Gen. Joseph J. McMenamin, commanding general, MCRD/ERR, hosted the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at the Depot Lyceum April 28.

Volunteering is a part of the daily life of many Depot residents and the week of April 25 - 30 was set aside in recognition of their endeavors.

"I would like volunteers to realize that their work is rec-

ognized," said Athena Anderson, volunteer banquet coordinator. "The work they do is very important. They are helping the Marines accomplish mission readiness, and without their services, there wouldn't be a lot of the programs we have on the Depot."

The dinner is the pinnacle of a week proclaimed by Brig. Gen. McMenamin as Volunteer Appreciation Week to honor the volunteers in our community.

Since 1974, a national week of recognition has been set aside, when President Richard

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Lance Cpl. Brian Kester
Navy Capt. Anne Forsha, clinical nurse educator for the Breast Care Center, Bethesda Naval Hospital, gives a lecture during a breast cancer symposium at the Heritage Center April 30.

NHB increases cancer awareness

LANCE CPL.
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Naval Hospital Beaufort held a symposium on early prevention and detection of breast cancer at the Heritage Center April 30.

Captain Peter Soballe, medical director, Breast Care Center, National Naval Medical Center, led attendees through a refresher course in the hopes of bringing about a renewed awareness of the importance of prevention and detection in the Primary Care clinics.

"We are focusing on the

clinical management of risk prevention and the treatment of breast cancer," said Soballe. "It is new information and a refresher course for the primary care personnel. Technologies that are readily available and even subsidized for them are a lot of times under utilized. By necessity, they have to focus somewhere else."

The focus of the symposium is to get those technologies the

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RN fights for
Breast Cancer
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